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1. In recent weeks nine trains, each comprising 25 to 40 cars of which only a fraction were flat cars (Plateauwagen), have been placed at the disposal of the Soviets. On 10 July 1950 one transport left Wulkaprodersdorf for Fery. Austrian railroad men accompanied this transport as far as the Hungarian border. On 11 July a transport left Ober-Loisorf, on 12 July one left Mattersburg, and on 14 July one departed from Ankafeld and another from Oberwart. Residents of Burgenland report, however, that many Russians have been withdrawn from this area. They say these trains are troop trains rather than freight transports.
2. At the present time the Soviets have about 20 tanks in St. Poelten. In previous weeks the tanks were in Spritzern; this week they are in garages which have a capacity of about 25 tanks. It is estimated that one half of these are light and the remainder are heavy tanks. There are no large "Stalin" tanks in St. Poelten. It is reported that the Soviets use these tanks in groups of five or less when carrying out field maneuvers.

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3. According to an Austrian railroad man who travels between Vienna and Budapest, an unusual number of tanks and other Soviet war material have been observed along the Hungarian section of this railroad line in the past few days.

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